

# Stargaze Yurt Summer Guide 2012

The Stargaze yurt, the newest yurt in the system has one best views of all because it is located at the highest elevation of all the yurts and it is on the edge of the 1989 Lowman Burn. Stargaze only a few hundred yards from a passable road and has a spectacular 270 degree view to the north, east and south. From the yurt you can see the South Fork of the Payette River Canyon and scenic the Trinity and Sawtooth Mountains. The yurt's high elevation (6,569 feet) guarantees an assortment of wild flowers all summer long. This is also a wonderful place to experience the power of a summer thunderstorm, view the stars of the Milky Way, or just to curl up and read a book. The yurt is usually snow free early May to early November. Once at the yurt take a short one half mile hike on a trail to the top of Stargaze Point. On this point you will have a 360 degree view of the Boise National Forest that includes Pilots Peak, Wilson Butte, Sunset Peak, Rock Creek, Scott Mountain and Stargaze yurt.

**PLEASE READ THE SUMMER YURT MANUAL FOR MORE DETAILS AND HOW TO GET THE YURT CODE.\_**

## **How to get the yurt code:**

**By email:** [judy.ditto@idpr.idaho.gov](mailto:judy.ditto@idpr.idaho.gov) and the Yurt Coordinator will email the code to you.

**How to Get There:** The Stargaze yurt is accessed from Beaver Creek Summit which is located is 25 miles north of Idaho City on Highway 21. At the highest point at Beaver Creek summit turn left off the highway onto a gravel road. Drive on this USFS road about 1.2 miles to the yurt summer parking spot. This road is the Stargaze Trail noted on the yurt location map. The Stargaze trail has 5" inch, blue diamond shapes (blue blazes) located on trees and 4 x 4 posts beside the road. The road to the yurt will continually climb until you near the top of the ridge. Do not turn off on any side roads on the way up. A high clearance vehicle is recommended because of the water bars on the road. You will park when you see a 2-foot yellow diamond shape sign on the left side of the road. You will also see a locked gate. (See: [Where to Park](#)) Hike to the left side of the gate, following the yellow 5" yellow blazes along a trail to the yurt. The yurt is located on a knob about 300 yds from the parking area. **You cannot see the yurt from the summer parking area, but the yurt can be seen on the Stargaze Trail on the way.**

## **Where to Park:**

Park on the right side on the road opposite of the 2-foot yellow sign.

## **Elevation Change and Distance:**

From the summer yurt parking spot it is about an 80-foot climb along a 300-yard long single-track trail. The trail is marked with yellow reflective blazes on trees and a few posts.

## **Dogs:**

Dogs are allowed at this yurt year around.

## **Solar Power:**

This yurt has a solar unit with four lights. Please do not change the panel location. Use the lights when needed , turn them off when not in use and at the end of your stay.

## **Wood:**

Wood for the stove is located under the deck. Wood for the fire pit is on the ground surrounding the yurt site. There are several downed trees in the area which can be cut with the bow saw or axe provided. Please use downed, dry timber, as it helps clean up the area and aides in fire protection.

## **Water:**

There is water no available in the summer at the Stargaze yurt. In the summer you will haul in your own drinking water and dishwashing water. A wagon or a handcart may make it easier to haul in water

## **Equipment Needed:**

Bring two (2) one-pound propane bottles per each night of your stay, a packet of lantern mantles and a roll of paper towels. **A list of recommended items for your yurt trip is at the back of the summer yurt manual.**

**Maps Needed:**

Idaho City Area Park N' Ski Location Map, Beaver Creek Summit Summer Trail Route to Stargaze Yurt. (on website)

**Other Maps that may be valuable to you.**

USFS Boise Forest Road, and USGS 7.5 minute topographic "Lowman and Pine Flats."

**Global Positioning System Locations**

**UTM (in NAD 83/WGS 84):** Note UTM's are rounded to nearest 10 meters

Beaver Creek Summit Parking Lot: 11T0610560E 4875620N

Stargaze Yurt: 11T 0609660E

**Elevations:**

Beaver Creek Summit Parking Lot on Highway 21: 6015 feet

Stargaze Yurt Summer Parking: 6540 feet

Stargaze Yurt: 6,569 feet

**Safety:** The nearest landline telephone is in Lowman. For emergencies call Boise County Sheriff: **1-800-479-0911** or in a medical emergency: **1-800-632-8000**. There is intermittent cell phone coverage about half way up on the Stargaze Trail but not at Beaver Creek Summit on Highway 21 or at the Stargaze yurt. Do not depend on coverage in those areas.

**REPORT YURT DAMAGE OR MISSING ITEMS TO 208-514-2418 or 208-514-2419**

**PLEASE, DO NOT FEED ANY WILD ANIMALS.  
IT CAN LEAD TO THE ANIMALS CHEWING OR TEARING THE YURT SKIN**